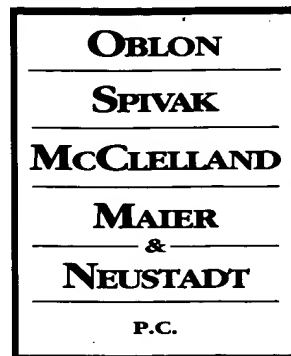


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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response To Third Communication Regarding Submission Under 37 C.F.R. §1.42
Supplemental Declaration (executed 2, pages)
Request for Extension of Time (one month)

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Responsive to the Third Communication regarding Submission Under 37 C.F.R.
§1.42, enclosed herewith is a Supplemental Declaration of Anne Bravard which avers to the
residence, citizenship and mailing address for the deceased, Patrick Duwat, as indicated
therein.

Accordingly, it is urged that this application be accepted for national stage
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Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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